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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Truth in Caller ID  
3 Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION REGARDING MANIPULATION OF**  
5 **CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.**

6       Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
7 U.S.C. 227) is amended—

8           (1) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and  
9           (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

10          (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
11       lowing new subsection:

12       “(e) PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF DECEPTIVE  
13 CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.—

14           “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any  
15       person within the United States, in connection with  
16       any telecommunications service or VOIP service, to  
17       cause any caller identification service to transmit  
18       misleading or inaccurate caller identification infor-  
19       mation, with the intent to defraud or cause harm.

20           “(2) PROTECTION FOR BLOCKING CALLER  
21 IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.—Nothing in this  
22 subsection may be construed to prevent or restrict  
23 any person from blocking the capability of any caller  
24 identification service to transmit caller identification  
25 information.

26           “(3) REGULATIONS.—

1           “(A) DEADLINE.—Not later than 6  
2 months after the enactment of this subsection,  
3 the Commission shall prescribe regulations to  
4 implement this subsection.

5           “(B) CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REGU-  
6 LATIONS.—In conducting the proceeding to pre-  
7 scribe the regulations required by subparagraph  
8 (A) of this paragraph, the Commission shall ex-  
9 amine whether the Commission’s regulations  
10 under subsection (b)(2)(B) of this section  
11 should be revised to require non-commercial  
12 calls to residential telephone lines using an arti-  
13 ficial or pre-recorded voice to deliver a message  
14 to transmit caller identification information  
15 that is not misleading or inaccurate.

16          “(4) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in  
17 this subsection shall be construed to authorize or  
18 prohibit any investigative, protective, or intelligence  
19 activities performed in connection with official du-  
20 ties, and in accordance with all applicable laws, by  
21 a law enforcement agency of the United States, a  
22 State, or a political subdivision of a State, or by an  
23 intelligence agency of the United States.

24          “(5) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Except for para-  
25 graph (3)(B), nothing in this subsection may be con-

1       strued to affect or alter the application of the Com-  
2       mission’s regulations regarding the requirements for  
3       transmission of caller identification information,  
4       issued pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protec-  
5       tion Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–243) and the  
6       amendments made by such Act.

7               “(6) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
8       section:

9               “(A) CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMA-  
10       TION.—The term ‘caller identification informa-  
11       tion’ means information provided to an end  
12       user by a caller identification service regarding  
13       the telephone number of, or other information  
14       regarding the origination of, a call made using  
15       a telecommunications service or VOIP service.

16              “(B) CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE.—  
17       The term ‘caller identification service’ means  
18       any service or device designed to provide the  
19       user of the service or device with the telephone  
20       number of, or other information regarding the  
21       origination of, a call made using a telecommuni-  
22       cations service or VOIP service. Such term in-  
23       cludes automatic number identification services.

24              “(C) VOIP SERVICE.—The term ‘VOIP  
25       service’ means a service that—

“(ii) is offered to the public, or such classes of users as to be effectively available to the public (whether part of a bundle of services or separately); and

“(iii) has the capability to originate traffic to, or terminate traffic from, the public switched telephone network.”.

Attest: **LORRAINE C. MILLER,**  
*Clerk.*